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-2- POLTO 70, JULY 15, 2 PM FROM PARIS

IT IS SORRY TO NOTE THAT ALL THE PROPOSALS IT HAS MADE TO THAT END HAVE BEEN REJECTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE USSR, HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES ALSO SUPPORTS THE CLEARLY EXPRESSED WISH OF THE WEST BERLINERS THAT NO CHANGE BE MADE IN THE STATUS OF THEIR CITY WHICH WOULD EXPOSE THEM, AT ONCE OR GRADUALLY OVER A LONGER TIME, TO THE DOMINATION OF THE REGIME WHICH PRESENTLY CONTROLS THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

PARA 29 AS IN THE PAST, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS ALWAYS PREPARED TO CONSIDER IN AGREEMENT WITH ITS ALLIES A FREELY NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEMS OF GERMANY. SUCH A SETTLEMENT MUST BE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WITH THE INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMNT FOR ITS PART HAS NEVER CONTEMPLATED CONFRONTING THE SOVIET UNION WITH A FAIT ACCOMPLI. IT HOPES THAT FOR ITS PART THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL RENOUNCE ANY IDEA OF TAKING SUCH ACTION. WHICH AS NOTED. WOULD HAVE UNFORESEEABLE CONSEQUENCES. IT THINKS IT NECESSARY TO WARN THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT IN ALL SERIOUSNESS OF THE GRAVE DANGERS OF SUCH A COURSE. AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL RATHER AIM. AS DOES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT. AT THE CREATION OF CONDITIONS IN WHICH GENUINE AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING PROBLEMS CAN BE PURSUED."

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